

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A treadmill comprising:

a base frame including a pair of transverse forward and rearward roller assemblies mounted therein, said base frame including a peripheral portion,

an endless belt trained about said forward and rearward roller assemblies and including an upper run,

a deck including a peripheral portion disposed between said peripheral portion of said base frame and said upper run of said belt,

at least one cushioning member disposed between said peripheral portion of said deck and said peripheral portion of said base frame to absorb impact loads imparted on said deck by users, ~~and~~

limiting means for limiting a relative lateral movement between said deck and said at least one cushioning member and said base frame,

at least one casing engaged onto said peripheral portion of said deck, and including at least one channel formed therein, and including at least one flange extended inward of said at least one channel thereof, and

securing means for securing said at least one casing to said deck and to protect said peripheral portion of said deck, said securing means including at least one fastener secured on said peripheral portion of said deck and slidably received in said at least one channel of said at least one

casing and having a head provided thereon for engaging with said at least one flange of said at least one casing and for securing said at least one casing to said peripheral portion of said deck.

Claim 2 (original): The treadmill according to claim 1, wherein said deck includes at least one opening formed therein, said limiting means includes at least one stop member secured on said base frame and slidably received in said at least one opening of said deck for limiting the relative lateral movement between said deck and said at least one cushioning member and said base frame.

Claim 3 (original): The treadmill according to claim 2, wherein said deck includes a sleeve engaged in said at least one opening thereof for slidably receiving said at least one stop member.

Claim 4 (original): The treadmill according to claim 3, wherein said sleeve includes an outer thread formed thereon and engaged in said deck for solidly securing said sleeve in said deck.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~The treadmill according to claim 2,~~
~~wherein~~ A treadmill comprising:

a base frame including a pair of transverse forward and rearward roller assemblies mounted therein, said base frame including a peripheral portion,

an endless belt trained about said forward and rearward roller assemblies and including an upper run,

a deck including a peripheral portion disposed between said peripheral portion of said base frame and said upper run of said belt, said deck including at least one opening formed therein,

at least one cushioning member disposed between said peripheral portion of said deck and said peripheral portion of said base frame to absorb impact loads imparted on said deck by users, and

limiting means for limiting a relative lateral movement between said deck and said at least one cushioning member and said base frame, said limiting means including at least one stop member secured on said base frame and slidably received in said at least one opening of said deck for limiting the relative lateral movement between said deck and said at least one cushioning member and said base frame, and said at least one stop member is being a barrel including an inner cylindrical member and an outer cylindrical member provided and secured on said inner cylindrical member.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The treadmill according to claim 5, wherein said limiting means includes a fastener engaged through said inner cylindrical member of said barrel and secured to said base frame, said outer cylindrical member is made of soft materials to absorb impact loads acting onto said ~~barrels~~ barrel.

Claim 7 (original): The treadmill according to claim 6, wherein said base frame includes at least one extension extended therefrom for supporting said fastener.

Claims 8-10 (canceled).